

RESOLUTION # 09-17

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MARQUETTE, IOWA AUTHORIZING THE SUBMISSION OF AN I-JOBS APPLICATION TO THE IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY TO LEVERAGE FUNDS RELATIVE TO THE MITIGATION OF FUTURE FLASH FLOOD EVENTS IN THE BENCH AREA IN THE CITY OF MARQUETTE, IOWA

WHEREAS, the I-JOBS Program was signed into law by Governor Culver on May 14, 2009 to help strengthen Iowa's economy, help recover from the natural disasters of 2008, and preserve or create thousands of jobs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Marquette, Iowa experienced flash flood events that created significant flooding and debris displacement in two primary residential areas; and

WHEREAS, following these events, the City commissioned a study to define the problem, evaluate infrastructure improvements that could alleviate the problem and preserve existing developed areas; and

WHEREAS, the study determined that several improvements, including parallel outlet pipe or box culverts, several street improvements, and pond improvements are warranted and will prevent adverse impacts to the Bench area; and

WHEREAS, the Engineers Opinion of Probable Cost for the first phase of improvements totals \$1,354,095. Further, the City will commit 50% of the matching funds necessary to complete the first phase of this project; and

WHEREAS, the City has completed the final designs for the first phase of this project; and can begin construction within 60 days after receiving notice of approval from the I-JOBS Board of Directors; and

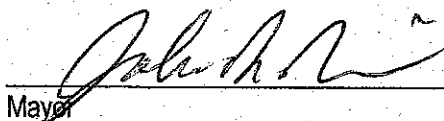
WHEREAS, the City submitted a notice of Intent to Apply for I-JOBS funding on June 19, 2009 to the Iowa Finance Authority and this agency provided the City notice that the proposed project was consistent with the mandated use of I-JOBS funds; and

WHEREAS, the I-JOBS program requires applicants to provide evidence of Local Support for the proposed project, including the submission of an official resolution from the applicant authorizing the submission of the I-JOBS application; and

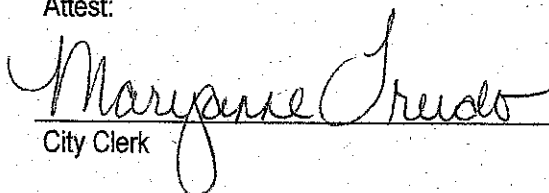
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Marquette, Iowa as follows:

1. The City Council supports and endorses this I-JOBS application;
2. The City of Marquette, Iowa will commit 50% (or an estimated \$677,048) of the funding match required; and
3. Authorizes appropriate public officials to submit this application on or before August 3, 2009.

Passed and approved this 21ST day of July 2009


Mayor

Attest:


City Clerk

McGregor Hook & Ladder Co. No 1

P.O. Box G
McGregor, IA 52157

July 24, 2009

Mr. Dean Hilgersen, City Manager
City of Marquette
P.O. Box 7
Marquette, IA 52158

Re: Bench Area Storm Water Management

Dear Mr. Hilgersen:

This Fire Department serves Marquette, McGregor and the surrounding rural community. We are the primary responding department for emergencies of various types, one of which is flooding. In our valleys we have two distinctly different types of flood events. One type of flood event is caused by the Mississippi River. These events occur rather slowly and last for an extended period of time. Steps to mitigate damage can usually be taken in advance. These steps include sandbagging, dike building and pumping. These efforts can be successful up to a certain point.

The second type of flood event that we are extremely vulnerable to is flash flooding. These flash floods come with little or no warning. They are fast, frightening, and the recent ones have been late at night. In 2007, we responded to the Brown Street area at 2:00 A.M.. The area was quickly filling with water. Within half an hour we were using boats to rescue people from their homes. The water was over six feet deep in many places. We were fortunate that the entire community lost electric power, otherwise, some of the residents and possibly the firemen could have been electrocuted. We were lucky. Nobody died that night.

Brown Street is at the bottom of the bench area. Everything drains that direction. The dike that holds out the Mississippi River during a flood holds in water in a flash flood. The drainage system for the Brown Street area cannot handle the volume that we have experienced lately.

Also, there are two retention ponds in the bench area. The upper pond I believe to be dangerous because there is no outlet. The only way to reduce the water behind this upper pond is to pump it over the top and into the lower pond. Water has gone over this upper pond several times. Failure of the upper pond could have a disastrous effect on the lower pond and put the people and property below it in great danger.

July 24, 2009

You have had a study done to develop a mitigation plan for the Bench Area. You have identified ways to improve the drainage and reduce the danger from flash flooding. Please take whatever steps are necessary to implement this mitigation plan. These flash flood events are frightening and they are dangerous. They expose your city workers, your firemen, and your citizens to risks that you have the chance to lessen or eliminate. We support this project and ask that you move forward with it as soon as possible.

McGregor Hook & Ladder Co., No 1


Daniel G. Bickel, Chief

DCB:vp

UPPER EXPLORERLAND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

UPPER EXPLORERLAND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT
UPPER EXPLORERLAND REGIONAL HOUSING AUTHORITY
REGIONAL PLANNING AFFILIATE 1 - IDOT
REGION 1 EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

July 30, 2009

City Manager Dean Hilgersen
City of Marquette
88 North Street, P.O. Box 7
Marquette, IA 52158

Dear Mr. Hilgersen:

We are writing in support of the City of Marquette applying for grant funding through I-Jobs. As the regional council of government for N.E. Iowa, Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission (UERPC) works with communities in the 5 county region. Marquette is working with our organization to apply for a Watershed Improvement Review Board (W.I.R.B.) grant to mitigate against storm water runoff which impacts their community during heavy rainfall events.

Marquette is regularly impacted from heavy storms, and during past storms had streets with standing water in excess of 8 feet. The City has been proactive in its long range efforts to prevent future losses, both economic and personal, for its community members and N.E. Iowa. Marquette has already made a significant investment of \$274,000 to conduct storm water analysis and have plans drawn by an engineering firm to have the storm water mitigation plan be shovel ready.

Communities taking the initiative to improve their current situation by investing their own time and resources display a great level of dedication and commitment; being a model for others to follow. Marquette has made this commitment to protect its citizens, and has done so with its own current resources and inclusion of the project into their long range plan. Assistance from I-Jobs along with W.I.R.B. consideration will ensure completion ahead of schedule, which means providing a safer community more quickly for residents and visitors alike.

Please consider this request for funding from I-Jobs to assist the City of Marquette in prevention of future personal or economic loss.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Wendy Mihm-Herold
Executive Director



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July 27, 2009

Dean Hilgersen
City Manager
City of Marquette
PO Box 7
Marquette, IA 52138

Dear Sir,

This letter is to serve as documentation of our support of The City of Marquette applying for grant funding through I-Jobs for the City Storm Water Project. We understand the project will deal directly with flash flooding issues, which occur in "the bench" residential area as the result of heavy rainfall. These flooding incidents can and have impacted our business and the homes and lives of some of our employees. We fully support the effort to mitigate the area flooding and prevent the future personal and economic loss to the citizens and businesses of Marquette.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. Steffen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Todd Steffen
VP/General Manager
Lady Luck Casino Marquette

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